

Of Political Lightning Hurl'd at a Trembling
World from Corsicana Rostrum.

HE SAID HE HAD NO APOLOGY TO MAKE.

In His Speech He Roundly Scores His First But Deserved Love Most Unmercifully—The First Populist Rally of the Campaign Takes

Governor Marion Martin introduced Mr. Gibbs as an honest man, statesman and politician. And, with shouts of approval, the audience listened to Mr. Gibbs, began his speech. He spoke eloquently on the lines and after the style of his recent serial writings, and said:

My Fellow Citizens: In accepting your invitation to address you on political issues, I have not spent a day with a biography. I have never divided nearly twenty-five years and all that the fertile imagination of my enemies could conjure up has been said. Some candidates have wonderful biographies which they might attempt to make them like an old school teacher and mine who have applied to me for a recommendation. I sat down to write it. He said, "Look on back. I want you to make it strong; tell me I have lived." I said, "You to fifty years and have never been in the penitentiary the first time."

and knows that she is not defending herself or the Republicans, but that the Democrats are the ones who are in the mire as the Velled Prophet or the Tom Reed raiders. The Texas Republican chairman issues an edict and says there are two parties, and a man must either vote a Democrat or a Republican. The truth is, there is but one party in Washington City, and that is the party that believes in high taxes, big appropriations, big government by corporations. Both the Democrats and the Republicans vote with persons official salaries and extraordinary privileges. They will give the men who put up the money to build the big mail all to enter anything in exchange for a blank charter to a supreme court decision. They fall over each other to vote for appropriation bills, or to pass laws for the maintenance of the expense of the United States which are supposed to be voted in blocks of five by the leaders. What voters they can't keep quiet by corruption they crush up in the south, and the Democrats are the winners in the south would count the other out, and in the north they would buy the voters with money furnished by the state, given some corporate interest in the daily press. The Republicans would sell a cabinet place for campaign funds, and the Democrats a bond issue and five raw

their platform they promise nothing except the new waste as much as the old. They say they will not increase the tax on the land, and they differ from the platform is hamstrung in congress to a point of elimination. These politicians think that a government founded more than two centuries ago for tens of millions of people can be run by railroads and other great corporations and practically no commerce is sufficiently perfect to govern nearly one hundred of millions of people. They are divided and interested. They think the government can permit extravagant and irresponsible officialism in all that a great people need. The Democrats think that all that is needed is to have the government to prison and to put a hundred million dollars, and on the other hand the Republicans think the country should be happy, prosperous and contented if it could do without the public money. The monarch and the king raise a make-believe issue on the best means to raise money, or the kind of money to raise for this expenditure, and the Democrats are the only ones in government except to spend it on their retainers. We can even improve the breed of sackmen, but to talk about any improvement of government is to talk about the improvement of the human race. We have enticed our people to thinking just as they do in South America, that we

a quick, decisive vote. Some of these
harsh Democratic statements say this
would be a wild experiment. They
don't seem to know that it is a long
and successfully operated principle in
government in England. Germany
and France have it. Have we not
got as much sense as these people?
If you believe so, then you should be
a Republican, for the Democratic and Re-
publican parties don't permit opposi-
tion. They have no sense, this much
concurrence in the common people. They
believe in an all powerful discretionary
officialism with a fixed term of official
life, even though they say they will
be elected by the constituents and
destroy the property of the peo-
ple. The present system will degrade
and demoralize any people, for not be-
ing able to vote on an issue according
to their own conscience, they stand away
from the polls or sell their votes for
office, or a pull or some campaign fund.
It is the best they can do. What does
a vote amount to under the present
system? It is a mere show. It is no
good it will do in the speedy settlement
of a policy of government? Many of
our representatives go to Washington
put all their families in office and they
are not sent there, they are sent there
are not sent there or kept there on
an issue, and they have things fixed by
means of political superstition and
organization. This is more especially
so of our Southern representatives, who
all know that we are in holy terror
of a force bill and the negro vote.
Thank God all these fears have been
dispelled and we are under no neces-
sity of any further. Political supersti-
tion abuses and its organic weak-
ness and defects.

The people settle nothing. As it is their powerful representatives can starve the country by a do-nothing policy, while they themselves revolt in the streets, the only remedy is that by law can't be reduced during the term of office, but can be increased ad libitum. I never want to represent any people servile and cringing enough to believe that this kind of government is the best. When the people's representatives and the people's president can't agree for six days wrangling over the importation of horses, then let one of the other die quick by the votes of the sovereign people.

The other principle of Populism is that which I firmly believe is that the government shall own enough railroad mileage to set a reasonable rate, and might raise and distribute a bribe and build a system sufficient to do this. Other countries are today successfully operating under this system and why not the United States? All commodities should be at interstate, but largely protected, failure at maintaining the burden of transportation. We certainly can do as well as republics France or Switzerland or Imperial Germany in this line. So far as a corrupt government is concerned, I would rather be corrupted by a dozen men and brakers-men than by the fine Italian head of the railroad president furnishing the campaign fund and in return having the naming of Federal judges. I shall not describe the corrupt cabinet officers. History fails to record one instance in which the mud-sellers corrupted government, though they may have noted it is the paupered railways of class legislation, who have always been the cause of the corruption of political poison that killed the Goddess of Liberty. There is nothing new or untired in the Populist platform unless it is the sub-treasury detail, which is merely suggestive, and to try it would be to ruin the country. Cleveland lost in default on the first bond sale. It is only those men ignorant of the administrative principles and details of other civilized people who say that the Populists are proposing new and untired political machines. Learned lawyers are sometimes very ignorant. I knew one once who in all sincerity asked opposing counsel, who read to him ten commandments to the jury what they meant. He was reading them from the Ten Commandments. Everything new and untired not referred to in some familiar case reported although it may be from the Bible. If they will take time to read and study the Populist platform they will see that there are two sides to all questions, and that the Democratic and Republican parties are really on the same side and even try to make the same scientific and delusive strides in their political and political parties talk of the beauty of tariff adjustment and of monometallism and bimetalism just to keep the minds of the people off of the necessity of a change. Let them power to settle all these and other delusions. Let as they come up in congress. Considered worth of pose as men of oratorical ability, and presidents as men of more backbone than the ordinary politician and still they change in tariff or finance with no other change in obscurity has answered their, UNITED

even at the black and tan Republican. There is no political puke in this, for it won't be by the Populist, for he is taking no mixed drinks. He is somewhat fond of pla, but not mince pla when he knows among the ingredients is some dog meat. He may not like the dog meat, but he does not raise question as the tariff, but he has found out that there is not enough difference between the Billy Wilson and the Billy McKinley bills to make a rotten difference in the price of the dog meat. He knows that there will not be enough difference between the bi-metalism of the selected framers of both the St. Louis and Chicago platforms to set up housekeeping in the pockets of the voters. He can't get a Populist vote points him as a long-haired, blue-eyed individual, and this may be so, but he has got sense to know when he has enough, and of as good a thing as the one and the other government of the Democratic party. He has been a snaker, but you have got to change the bait on him at least once in thirty years. He has even been a snake, but you have got to be collared into a primary on one issue and then forced to swallow a whole lot of devilment not submitted, but kept under "silver." He may not be a snake, but he is a snake, but his thirty years' service in the Democratic ranks has learned him that it is not safe to let the other fellows do all the counting after the snake has cast. He may not be a snake, but he is a snake, but the game of bull-doing won't work on him any better than false counting. He knows that primaries were called for the purpose of making them carry a state ticket and the tax raise, and he is not apt to help much along the movement. He knows that the Austin syndicate is dickering with the corporations and the farmers, and he is not with the Republican leaders for moral support, but this don't worry him, for he knows that nine-tenths of the producers and laborers of Texas are with him, and he is not apt to be soiled or to sleep on the other crowd, whose policies have stagnated business and raised taxes. The populist will have a man in every school house to do the talking, and he will have the campaign funds and travelling organizations to save the Austin syndicate that they can afford. Even the middle Republicans are up to snuff and are not afraid to fight the Populist. The middlemen in all parties want reform.



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the party in as your negroes used to be of a leather strap. I don't mind a man being a Democrat or a Republican if he believes these abuses of government are all right, but have no confidence in a man's patriotism who honestly condemns them and yet keeps on voting the ticket. Why do you stay in the cablocha on your opinion? Stay as long as you vote the ticket? It is your vote that counts—not your opinion. These fellows who make Democratic platforms are just sugar-coated extravagant salaries and appropriations, and they are not going to touch the state, the counties and the cities without any direct vote of the people and made you believe that it did not come out of you, but out of posterity. If you honestly believe this you are a brute and you are as good as posterity. You forced burdens—gums you fellows still sticking to the party think the other fellows pay that billion-dollars and more appropriated by every congress. When the Populist platform came out for a moment you tried to get a law to make the other fellows pay even a small part of it, the supreme court, by the vote of a Democratic judge, decided that it was unconstitutional for anybody but a mudsill like the dog they are and that was a free dinner for the other fellows. It is rather like a dog that bays at the moon or blind blazer at a corn shucking than any lazier by my vote ratify and approve the kind of government we are now running in Washington city year in and year out.

The records show that a senator gets \$10,000 a year salary and over \$6,000 a year attendance fees or contingent expenses. We feel and had Webster get \$10,000 per annum. Nearly any man could get \$10,000 a year just to get waited on in this nabob style without any salary. A congressman gets \$10,000 per capita, and then talks about what a fool a Populist is for wanting a medium salary equal to \$30 per capita. That office salary is so high that everybody wants to be a politician, and the mudsill can't bear the burden, and he wants to know how to get rid of it. If it would in this country to take a broom stick to every husband who takes hard times, and keeps on voting the old party ticket, times would get better a heap quicker than by means of an army and navy and a conference. All the money in this country, every kind whatsoever, goes into the national, state, county and city treasuries once a year in payment of salaries, and I think that the government stamp and legal tender usually don't amount to anything, and that only gold is money. In Austin they issue scrip, and the only reason it goes at all in account is because they won't accept it for the face value. I don't suppose I won't accept it. I won't discuss the financial question, except to say that there is a powerful need of some kind of money to keep up the contingencies of the government. I have been trying to find out what these contingent funds are that eat up so much. I am not through investigating, but so far they appear to me a kind of a waste of money, which the damn fools pay for, and the damn fools don't know the proper contingency arises, and this it is as sure to do as the sun rises.

My fellow citizens, I hope to see Populist principles prevail in Texas and the United States, even if we have to scare the Democrats into adopting them. We are the only people who have more votes to do this in Texas, and the victory in the great state will make the rest of the country investigate. It will show that there is one state that is in the middle of the good government, and that can get rid of the out of it campaign fund and political humping, and that is not ashamed of the modish banner of freedom.

When the Populists win next November they will take steps at once looking to the building of a state road from the Gulf to Red river that will save the people of Texas from the railroads, and save the commercial and agricultural interests in one year its cost. The Populist congressmen will cut off enough of that confining congressional fund to make the Trinity river improvement in the interest of the producing class, and to make the public money in building magnificent elaborate asylums or other marble palaces in Washington city for the aristocratic pie-eating class, but will put that money where it will benefit labor, the farmer, the agriculturist. The Populist congressmen will secure the Federal on a constitutional amendment that will permit the voters to vote direct on an issue, and elect a cabinet or a congress on short notice who tie up the country; then those seeking class and sectional interests, the aristocracy of beautiful women and flesh gentlemen to make love to the mudslinger on his native heath. Their record and platforms have put the Democratic leaders in the niches, and all they have to do now is to see the Populists have no success. Well, they shall have no little rope, and if they are so ignorant they will hang themselves, as the Democrats have done.

Humph Asby is not as handsome as Dudley, or even as Hardy, but he don't make as many bad breaks. Kearby is six foot one, and will take care of Charlie. We can give the Democrats two platforms to stand on and then beat them in November, for the mud-sill voters have quit the party and the

men will be left all alone in the
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Democrats and Republicans are trying to keep every man out of the populist party by telling him that it won't live long. Of course if a man gets out of ple as the only function of government is to keep the money out of his boots. If it clearly it will be on account of the thieves stealing his leading principles. I don't think it is very easy to steal these principles for they are to be hid out as soon as the old parties have an opportunity to put them in operation. I see where the way of killing political superstition and educating the people is to put parties organized to capture the boots. We will make them shoot the boots and then we will see that there had enough and in encourage to serve notice that the people are not political dummies and can take the reform when the old parties demands it. When the old parties find a fat dog when he won't bark the trail of a varmint, and he will tell fat politicians the same way. I don't think it is very easy to tell until his vote counts for as much as that of a Frenchman, a Dutchman or an Englishman in Europe. Everything is being done to kill out an instance a man to train with a political party. One thing should lose the democratic party \$5,000 votes in this election and make a political rebellion out of one and a half million votes. The Australian ballot law in Texas makes large counties no citizen can become a candidate or get on the ticket without a name put there by an organization political party. I don't ask his neighbors in Dallas

votes and then he gets a party
and votes on him. He is ruled off
the top and he and the other say
Texas has Democratic govern-
ment. Both old parties are
promising. In fact, the Democrat-
ic party wants to promise so much that
it has two platforms to hold
on. Supposing the two parties
what has the poor mudsiller got
show for his party vote? One will
the tariff on the dressed hide and
other on the whole beef. One offers
to protect and deliver, the other a little
protection and a little more.
They have played their greasy old cards
thirty years with a jingo resolu-
tion, a force bill or a pension bill up
and down the river, in case of ne-
cessity. It is worse than the Oxford
and Cambridge games. Do they promise to give
the mudsillers a chance to vote third
party issues? Do they promise to give
the mudsillers a chance to fix a perma-
nent tariff of freight rates? Do they
promise you an expensive state and
national railroad commission and then
the other follows a court selected
from them to much out what they have
promised much more than they can
bring men to death by telling them
there is no future to the third party.
Some of them are cowards enough
to leave their honest convictions,
and have told the world about a ju-
dicial woman hater. She is ju-
st as so is a man.

man Boeve with the third party
ought to vote with them.
There are several cranks
some delegates fixers and all the
ones that other political parties have
they don't control the party or
the delegates. I am told that
we catch Populist votes in
disadvantage appropriations or against
principles of the party, that you
are right to show him up in such
a thing. I am in the Democratic
and you can't do it in the Democratic
and keep your standing. The
Republicans and Democrats play
off each other with a scandal and
the big figure is the one who
primaries. I guess the old parties
spread out their usual political
tricks and the fall with nothing
on them but the same old shenanigans
is folded differently.
countrymen, let us beseech those
who can't make up your mind
to get to the point to get to the
point but get wide lived and
in these early primaries. Take
for meditation and prayer. Don't

your desire to elect some
you hand and foot of the
tion. The net is spread
your head in the tall feather
few and you may come to
goose in the end of an eagle.

But without any miller in
it shows will choke a man
sooner or later and a man
except as the only political
has already contaminated the
mudslide down the door. Every
mudslide grumbles about the
lower bowels, some of them
political doctors make a
anatomy with a hyperemia
of gold or silver fluid on Olin
Vancouver blood or duoden
erected, or some other meta
and the fool mudslide is
quicker for awhile.

If the mudslide belongs to
organization they will select
the organization to be
jection. The high priests
ruma were never better
ery" than past master pol
sore like a poodle for they
could not be so stupid as
friend living down the
an electric rabbit that
their guts out after it and
saying, "I have not got
but I don't intend to
mudslide and electric
poles. If any of the
to, so you are welcome to
it."

Until you get a direct vote
you will have no power. Your
government owns enough
to get to a vote. The
will get no relief on
you have a vote over every
of state, county and city. Men
as now paid salaries by
to pay and work your
interest-bearing bonds
on your vanity and pride
to build a one-half million
house, and then clean up
quarter of a cent to
less pretensions paid for in
have done.

The Democrats say all Texas
new and were born fools, and
save all the other people and
would be a laughing stock.
The blackest jackals of our
history started to death by
hundreds of fadder, one tied
Chicago and the other in Texas
shirts and hats, and the other
is after and he will get
some smart Democrats in Dallas
tell me that this summer the
fourth to some millions over a
and that they will be dead if the
nigh the horse.

If a citizen will go out in
and figure out how much he
out of vote and money under
the system of government
then figure out the annual cost
two old political party govern
how much he gets for his money
and he is sticking on the side he
commit suicide or he will
party. Let the unconvered
with himself and try it and
is out in the woods all by
laughter or little for it is
not in the constitution but
woods.

1. That a Democratic Congress will increase the annual appropriation beyond the Republican proposal.

2. That it issued nearly ten millions in bonds.

3. That it not only increased national appropriation but raised the tariff and the taxes in Texas.

Of course the leaders will say, "I never knew them to do plain but one thing and this Congress the other day, showed us proven that they were not making one year before the war held. I suppose an expense will turn up before another year. Every time anything comes the country is in a fever, and the country in stringing along the agitation. The country is not unless the mudslingers of bills of a top near come and keep their mouths open high feed and their adulterated food around which all parties revolves and give the people power by a direct vote. Kill all campaign funds exchange inside the new campaign. Kill the country, and its institutions. Discretionary reserve power is absolute power, and is ment by bond issue is not a national corpus is a direct vote called a direct vote."

Congressmen are honest enough to admit that they suffer from political hypochondria, but they are hypocritical that it cannot be remedied. If Congressmen might be honest enough to admit that they suffer from political hypochondria, they would not be so hypocritical as to pretend that the people of the middle class are suffering from political hypochondria. For there are so many of them that the circle will be broken. The only way to break the circle must go before we get to the bottom of the matter. Washington. I have seen the signs of tipping planes of champagne and lavishing cash on Congressmen no handsomer than the average man. The only thing that is destroying the middle class legislation is the high enough champagne and the high enough champagne and the high enough champagne even the numerous members of Texas. If they did then they would be the only Congressmen in the country. If this is a fair government some of the people of Washington ought to be doing the country and not Congressmen.

Why should our servants vote much and the middlester so fast rolling. They are building churches in Washington a marble building to hold up a marble middlester to sober up under the shade of a hackberry tree, where he sits during his dreams chaw of betel nut. If you vote the KKK you will get to have more of the blessings of a democratical cesspool diffused and when the vote of his vote count direct these the follow power even into the cesspool to hold the state who.

Why not the commercial and cultural interests get together nominate and elect a Populist Texas that will remove the burden from the state. We will send congressmen to men who will get enough money that financial waste be kept to the next funds, to improve the railroads, to build the roads, to drain from the gulf to Red river. The farmers and merchants get a cheap market on the high and fourth of what it now is. We will take the state out of the primitive the system and put a road and bridge fund in the pockets of the people of Texas will launch a state school with two million dollars and capital.

With cheap freight rates to Texas in two years will be secured the agricultural and cultural investment. Why be kept away from property? Mutual questioners? We care for ourselves than free schools. Kinder Garden and high schools. We have no more water to stop right at our doors and politicians ought not to meddle between us and them. Farmers and ranchmen ought to be the people who preach there, and a political party ought to die and the nation. The nation is empty belly don't feed the starving. We will find grub feeders.

Approved the Extension Notes, Jan. April 4.—The Extension Notes have been adopted approving the Mississippi exposition in Omaha and making the contract for preparation for it, and that the legislature should not extend assistance for the state.